

## **John Doane Jr. – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

John Doane Jr. was the son of John Doane who was one of the original settlers of Nauset in 1644. In the Eastham records the father is referred to as John Doane Sr., Mr. John Doane, or Mr. John Doane Esq. The son is referred to as John Doane, John Doane Jr. or Lieut. John Doane. John Doane was born about 1635 in Plymouth. He married Hannah Bangs in 1662. He held several town positions including selectman, rate maker and juror. He married again in 1685 after Hannah's death. Both John and Hannah probably are buried in unmarked graves in Eastham Cove Burying Ground. There is a monument in Cove to John Doane Sr. and an original 1712 gravestone for Deacon Daniel Doane who was a younger brother of John Doane Jr.

1659

Granted to John Doane Sr. and John Doane Jr. forty-five acres at Pochet on the east side of the Great Dry Swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A174, M74, S27.

1673

Granted to John Doane Jr. a parcel of sedge meadow at Black Fish Meadow next to land of Mark Snow and lying at the mouth of Indian Brook. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. Dimensions or acreage were not given in the record. PDF M175.

Granted to John Doane twelve acres of upland at the Rabbit Swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF M176, S36.

Granted to John Doane Jr. three acres of meadow on the easterly side of the meadow at Nauset on the bay side by the beach. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. PDF M176, S36.

1692

John Doane complained at Town Meeting about decaying boundary markers and boundary disputes involving his land at Nauset Meadow and at Rabbit Swamp. Other land owners involved included William Bradford, Richard Higgins, Nicholas Snow and Daniel Cole. Boundaries were agreed to using stones with initials in place of the decaying boundary markers. Also, bounds were laid out for a good and sufficient section of highway through some of the disputed land. PDF M176, M177, S36.

1695

Granted to John Doane eight acres of sedge meadow at Little Billingsgate at a place commonly called John Doane's Neck. The land was next to land of Samuel Mayo and Samuel Hix. PDF A255, M256, M257, S76.

The Town represented by Samuel Freeman and Thomas Paine came to agreement with John Doane that he would fence land at Plum Valley to keep his horses and cattle off the beach. John Doane would have the land within the fence for his own use and improvement for twenty-one years. PDF P70.

The Town agreed that the lane to Bass Pond could have gates provided persons and carts could go through the gates as needed. John Doane and Ephraim Doane had land on the east side of the lane. PDF P75.

1702

John Doane and the Town exchanged land. Doane was granted about eight acres on the north side of his Rabbit Swamp field. Doane surrendered to the Town for use as Town Common his land north of the land granted to him. PDF A173, M72, M73, P100, S39.

John Doane complained to the Town about uncertain bounds between his meadow at Bog Bay and the Town Common meadow. Part of Doane's land was next to the beach. The Town represented by Jonathan Sparrow, Samuel Knowles and John Paine settled the bounds with Doane. The bounds were indicated by stakes. One bound was 550 feet but other dimensions were not recorded. PDF M75, S28, S40.

1711

John Doane complained to the Town concerning his meadow at Little River at Billingsgate. The lot was being destroyed by sand coming in upon it. This land had been granted to Doane and Modad Atwood and Doane had purchased Atwood's share. In compensation Doane was granted two new parcels of land near the Little River. The dimensions indicate the parcels were about ten acres and four acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T49.

Granted to John Doane four acres at Little Billingsgate on the easterly side of land he already owned. PDF T49.

Granted to John Doane six acres of wood lot on the northerly side of Blackfish Creek. The lot was next to land owned by Modad Atwood. PDF T49.

The first lot in a series of twenty-four land grants on Great Island at Billingsgate was granted to John Doane, Joshua Cooke, Benjamin Cooke, Daniel Atwood, John Collins and Thomas Mayo. The six men were joint and equal owners. The lot dimensions indicate it was about seven and one-half acres. PDF T86.

The twenty-fourth lot in a series of twenty-four land grants on Great Island was granted to John Doane, James \_\_, Richard Cooke, Josiah Cooke, Caleb Cooke and Joseph Harding in joint and equal partnership. The lot was on the southeastern corner of Great Island next to a place called Bean Hole. Lot acreage or dimensions were not given but the lot probably about seven acres like most of the other lots in this series of grants. PDF T90.

Granted to John Doane ten acres at Little Billingsgate on the easterly side of the way which went to Pamet (Truro). PDF T145.

1712

Granted to John Doane four acres at Little Billingsgate on the northerly side of the ministerial land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T49.

1715

Granted to John Doane a lot at Little Billingsgate on the northerly side of the way that goes from Daniel Mayo's to Chequesett and next to other land Doane owned. The dimensions indicate the lot was about sixteen acres. PDF T254.

Granted to John Doane a lot at Little Billingsgate on the northeast side of other land he owned and next to land of Modad Atwood. The dimensions indicate the lot was about three and one-half acres. PDF T254.

Granted to John Doane and David Atwood a lot at Little Billingsgate near the head of Duck Creek and the Herring River. The dimensions indicate the lot was about thirteen acres. PDF T 258.

Granted to John Doane and David Atwood and their heirs the ninety-eighth wood lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The lot was near where John Doane lived in the house of his father John Doane Sr. The dimensions indicate the lot was about fifty-two acres. PDF T290.

Note that the following two wood lot grants were to John Doane Esq. (d 1685) and his heirs.

Granted to John Doane Esq. and his heirs the ninety-sixth wood lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The wood lot was near where John Doane Esq. lived. The dimensions indicate the lot was about thirty-seven acres. PDF T287.

Granted to John Doane Esq. and his heirs the ninety-seventh wood lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The wood lot was near where John Doane Esq. lived. The dimensions indicate the lot was about fifty-eight acres. PDF T287.

The Eastham land owned by John Doane described in these records amounts to about 175 acres. The wood lots granted to the heirs of John Doane Sr. amounted to about ninety-five acres. This is in addition to the 120 acres of land granted to John Doane Sr. before he died in 1685. By 1745 twenty-four more Doanes received Eastham land grants.